

**REMARKS**

Claim 12 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and intervening claims. Claim 12 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, and 5-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over German Pub. No. 33 34 213 (DE '212) in view of German Pub. No. 27 03 900 (DE '900). Claims 1, 7, and 8 have been cancelled. Dependent claims 2, 5, and 6 have been rewritten to depend from independent claim 12. As independent claim 12 is believed to be in condition for allowance, dependent claims 2, 5, and 6 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3, and 5-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,431,395 to Babos in view of DE '900. Claims 1, 3, 7, and 8 have been cancelled. Dependent claims 5 and 6 have been rewritten to depend from independent claim 12. As independent claim 12 is believed to be in condition for allowance, dependent claims 5 and 6 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

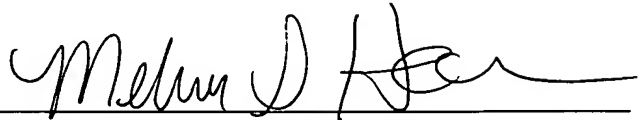
Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,431,395 to Babos in view of DE '900 and U.S. Patent No. 4,156,516 to Oliver. Claim 4 has been cancelled.

Claims 9, 10, 13, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE '900 and DE '231 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,285,978 to Quinlivan and Sugercraft's Customer Service Page (Sugercraft). Claim 9 has been cancelled. Dependent claims 10, 13, and 14 have been rewritten to depend from independent claim 12. As independent claim 12 is believed to be in condition for allowance, dependent claims 10, 13, and 14 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE '900 and DE '231 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,285,978 to Quinlivan, Sugercraft, and U.S. Patent No. 3,311,069 to Underwood. Dependent claim 11 has been rewritten to depend from independent claim 12. As independent claim 12 is believed to be in condition for allowance, dependent claim 11 is also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims, namely claims 2, 5, 6, and 10-14, inclusive, be passed to an allowance.

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